

## CHAPTER 2021-79

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1018

An act relating to largemouth bass; amending s. 597.004, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with specified entities, to adopt a rule requiring certain facilities to maintain stock acquisition documentation or records of genetic testing related to Florida largemouth bass; authorizing the sale of Florida largemouth bass as food fish under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 597.004, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

(2) RULES.—

(a) The department, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, the water management districts, environmental groups, and representatives from the affected farming groups, shall adopt rules to:

1. Specify the requirement of best management practices to be implemented by holders of aquaculture certificates of registration.

2. Establish procedures for holders of aquaculture certificates of registration to submit the notice of intent to comply with best management practices.

3. Establish schedules for implementation of best management practices, and of interim measures that can be taken prior to adoption of best management practices. Interim measures may include the continuation of regulatory requirements in effect on June 30, 1998.

4. Establish a system to assure the implementation of best management practices, including recordkeeping requirements.

5. Require any facility that cultures *Micropterus salmoides floridanus* to maintain stock acquisition documentation or records of genetic testing.

(5) SALE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.—

(a) Aquaculture products, except shellfish, snook, and any fish of the genus *Micropterus*, ~~excluding *Micropterus salmoides floridanus*~~, and prohibited and restricted freshwater and marine species identified by rules of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, may be sold by an aquaculture producer certified pursuant to this section or by a dealer

licensed pursuant to part VII of chapter 379 without restriction so long as the product origin can be identified.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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